GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:284
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2014
NIGHT LANDING FACILITY AT AIRPORTS
Karra Shri Tariq Hameed

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of various restrictions in the flight schedules /timings including lack of night landing facilities at various Airports including Srinagar International Airport and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome these constraints;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide night landing facilities in all the Airports, including International Airports in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED (#) QUESTION NO.284 FOR 28TH JULY, 2014 REGARDING NIGHT LANDING FACILITY AT SRINAGAR AIRPORT

(a): There are no restrictions of flight schedules/ timings in civilian airports having scheduled operations. Flight schedule/ timing are decided with the approval by DGCA. However, restriction of flight schedules/ timings are in force at Civil Enclaves maintained by AAI at Defence airports. Out of 23 IAF Joint User airfields, 20 airfields (including Srinagar) have adequate infrastructure for night landing by civil aircraft. Three IAF airfileds (Leh, Thoise and Kargil) do not have Instrument Approach Letdown (IAL) procedures due to topographical constraints. The watch hours of Srinagar and Bagdogra have been extended upto 2200h and no scheduled operator has approached IAF for night operations at Srinagar and Bagdora.

(b) to (d): All airports under the control of AAI where scheduled commercial flight are operating, including Srinagar International Airport, are equipped with ground lighting facilities for night operations. The list of airports having ground lighting facilities for night operation as well as the airports where permission already granted by DGCA for night operations is at Annexure-I.